Statement-II

Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEMs), Letters of Intent (LOIs)/Direct Industrial Licences (DILs) filed/issued and investment attracted since April, 2005 to March, 2008.

Sl. No.	States Covered	Number of IEMs/LOIs/DILs filed/Issued			Proposed Investment in crore		
		2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
1.	Maharashtra	826	760	590	24694	62191	83257
2.	Karnataka	268	286	222	15353	72250	154940
3.	Gujarat	753	478	340	82901	72283	121603
4.	Andhra Pradesh	493	582	343	19001	48660	53474
5.	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry	630	698	434	11841	20377	43213
6.	Orissa	167	126	140	38255	96869	198694

Increase in sugar price in international market

†3103. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of sugar in the international market has continuously increased in the last one year till the week ending 8th February, 2008;

(b) if so, the total percentage of increase in the price of sugar from January, 2007 to February, 2008;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the future trading of sugar in the international market for the coming months has been carried out on the prices higher than the existing prices; and

(d) if so, the prices at which the future trading for May-August has been carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE) MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During January 2007 to February 2008, the international sugar market prices for both raw and white sugar have fluctuated in both the directions. However, there has been an increase of 8% in the international sugar prices from January 2007 to February 2008. In case of raw sugar, the increase in international prices during this period has been 27.96%.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The international future prices in the coming months (May-August) as compared to January, 2008's international sugar price of US $ 350.41/PMT are given below:

(US $ PMT)

Opening transaction on	May'08	Aug'08
01st Apr. 2008	330.70	332.30
04th Apr. 2008	341.70	337.90
08th Apr. 2008	343.40	345.00
15th Apr. 2008	365.50	357.60

Source: Euronext.com & Liffe.com

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.